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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2007, Paper No./Mail Date 20070412, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.